



Dick Combs, former Foreign Service Officer in Moscow, speaks on "Inside the Soviet Alternate Universe" on October 22, 2008, at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies.



Dick Combs spoke to about 60 people at the Mershon Center about his experiences as a foreign service officer in the Soviet Union during and after the Cold War. He is author of *Inside the Soviet Alternate Universe: The Cold War's End and the Soviet Union's Fall Reappraised* (Pennsylvania State University Press, 2008).



Dick Combs also spoke with several classes and student groups during his visit to Ohio State.



(Left to right) Richard Herrmann, Director of the Mershon Center for International Security Studies, stands with Dick Combs, former Foreign Service Officer, and Sean Kay, Mershon Center associate who organized Combs's appearance at Ohio State.